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Over the past five years, Los Angeles County has made a significant investment in the Union Pacific neighborhood of East Los Angeles. We built a new park and opened two new childcare and community centers. The neighborhood is developed with a mix of conflicting land uses. Heavy industrial and trucking uses are immediately adjacent to single family homes, schools, and other community uses. These land use conflicts present unique challenges in planning for pedestrian and traffic safety.

Recently, several residents have requested traffic control measures at various intersections in the Union Pacific neighborhood. These requests were denied by the Department of Public Works and the Highway Safety Commission because they did not meet the minimum traffic counts recommended by the State of California. Yet, there clearly are traffic problems that must be addressed. The issues confronting this neighborhood should be addressed in a comprehensive manner and not on a case-by-case basis. A comprehensive traffic calming approach will make the neighborhood safer, more livable, and more enjoyable, by using non-traditional mechanisms to reduce

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the speed and volume of traffic to acceptable levels.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Works to conduct a comprehensive neighborhood-wide traffic calming analysis of the Union Pacific community. Such an effort should rely upon the expertise of a professional with extensive experience in traffic calming measures and should include community outreach and input.